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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**TO:** High School Principals  
Directors of Gifted Education  
Charter School Administrators

**FROM:** Carolyn Kehlor Carr, Ed.S.  
Coordinator of Gifted Education  
Exceptional Student Services

**RE:** Advanced Placement Summer Training Stipend – Request for Applications

This memorandum is a request for applications for the \$ 1,000.00 Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Stipend Award Program for Advanced Placement Teachers.

The United States Department of Education's Advanced Placement Incentive Program has funded a grant that makes these Summer Training Stipends possible. The Western Consortium for Accelerated Learning Opportunities (WCALO), which is administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), involves nine western states, with a mission to increase the number of students, particularly those of low-income, that enroll and succeed in AP courses, tests, and other forms of accelerated learning opportunities. The project also provides opportunities for professional development and training for educators to better enhance student outcomes – starting as early as elementary school – and lay a firm foundation for continued success in accelerated, rigorous coursework.

Eligibility is determined by the following criteria:

- The applicant must be an AP Teacher.
- AP Teachers must have enrolled in a professional development course, workshop, training, seminar, or colloquia during the summer of 2002, and completed by September 30. The training costs to be reimbursed through this program must have been paid for by the *individual teacher only*. This requirement is to ensure that district funds are not supplanted by federal funds.

- The training must have had relevance to the goals of the WICHE / AP Grant including, but limited to:
  - Encouraging students of low-income to participate in AP courses and exams – while respecting the confidentiality of these students
  - Improve the preparation of low-income students in middle and early high school so they are ready to enroll in AP courses
  - Vertical Alignment of Curriculum and the formation of Vertical Teams

Stipends are awarded for amounts up to \$ 1,000.00 and may only be applied toward the actual cost of the training, to include all reasonable and necessary travel expenses such as airfare, ground transportation or gas for mileage, hotel and meals. Registration costs, texts and training materials are allowable expenses as well.

Please return the enclosed application no later than August 23, 2002 to be eligible for award consideration. Applications will receive priority based on order of receipt in regard to state-wide fund disbursement.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the AP Summer Training Stipend program, please feel free to contact Peter Laing, the WICHE / AP Grant Consultant by phone at 602.364.4017, by e-mail at [pcl@ade.az.gov](mailto:pcl@ade.az.gov), or by fax at 602.542.5404.

Thank you for your participation. I look forward to receiving your applications!

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